

ANC 2B DUPONT CIRCLE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 12, 2014, Brookings Institute

Call to Order/Introduction of Commissioners (7:04pm)

The March Meeting of the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (Commission or ANC 2B) was called to order by Chairman Stephens at 7:04 pm.

Ward 2 Council Member Jack Evans spoke about the District's finances and answered questions from the Commission and the public. Council Member Evans reminded people to vote in the upcoming primary elections.

The Commissioners identified their Single Member Districts (SMDs). Present were: Mike Feldstein (2B01), Kevin O'Connor (2B02), Stephanie Maltz (2B03), Kishan Putta (2B04), Abigail Nichols (2B05), Leo Dwyer (2B07), Will Stephens (2B08) and Noah Smith (2B09). As noted below, Mike Silverstein (2B06) arrived after the meeting started.

The Commission staff introduced themselves: James Conway (Executive Director), and Nicole Baillis (Desi Deschaine Community Involvement Intern). Daniel Warwick (Jeff Coudriet Public Policy Intern) and Fiona Clem (Web/IT consultant) were not able to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

Meeting Minutes & Work Calendar
Circulation of ANC Monthly Work Calendar

Chairperson Stephens noted to make sure to have April agenda items submitted by March 31st and to have any additional letter language turned by the Friday or Saturday after the meeting. Commissioner Stephens went through the new model work calendar in detail, with new items including the posting of committee agendas and committee minutes/notes.

Approval of Minutes – February 2014 public meeting

Commissioner Kevin O'Connor moved to approve the February 2014 public meeting minutes, subject to technical corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Passed 8-0.

ANC 2B to reimburse Commissioner Smith for \$82.17 for expenses to copy and scan FOIA response documents. Commissioner Maltz moved to support, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 8-0.

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Public Announcements

1. Commissioner Maltz announced Ward 2 Education Network Meeting: Saturday, 3/15/14 10am-11:30am @ School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens, 2425 N St NW (boundaries, feeder pattern and student assignment committee)
2. Commissioner Maltz announced Ross Elementary 6th Annual School Auction: Saturday 3/22/14 6pm-9:30pm @ Human Rights Campaign (1640 Rhode Island Ave NW)
3. Commissioner Maltz announced Dupont Circle Village's 4th Annual Silent Auction: Friday, 3/28/14 6:30pm-9:30pm @ Woman's National Democratic Club (1526 New Hampshire Ave NW)
4. Commissioner O'Connor announced notes will be posted from ABRA Policy Meetings and to use #ANC2B on Twitter.
5. Commissioner Dwyer announced he and Commissioner Nichols were given a tour of Dupont Underground and a presentation on use of the underground space will be made at the ZPD Committee meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.
6. Commissioner Putta announced the start of a street-scape project on 16th street and it will take about a month to finish.
7. Commissioner Putta announced that the Keegan Theatre will go under renovation. He stated that a reporter from the Washington Post spun his comments to say the ANC2B does not support the project, but he wanted to clarify the ANC2B Commission does support the project.
8. Commissioner Putta announced the most-used bus in DC is 16th bus, and it is too crowded and people are struggling to get to work, so he is helping push along with the Coalition for Smarter Growth for a bus-only lane.
9. Commissioner Maltz announced tomorrow morning at 9:30am at the School Without Walls, the Deputy Mayor for Education will come speak about the School Without Walls and Francis-Stephens about issues going forward.
10. Commissioner Nichols congratulate Commissioners O'Connor and Silverstein for a great public safety meeting on the prior Monday night.
11. Commissioner Stephens announced he will be the Ward 2 representative on the Pedestrian Advisory Council and his swearing in will be next Tuesday at 5p.m at the Wilson building.
12. Commissioner Stephens announced that ANC 2B's website is up-to-date on minutes and resolutions and the Commissioner page is being updated to be more welcoming and transparent.
13. Cultural Yourism announced their annual event, Passport DC, will occur the entire month of May and will included hundreds culture programming events.
*Commissioner Stephens moved to support Cultural Tourism's use of the Resource Center space for the dates of May 1st through May 5th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Putta. Passed 8-0.
14. Commissioner Stephens announced on behalf of the EU Embassy that they need to use the Resource

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Center during events on May 10th.

*Commissioner Stephens moved to support EU Embassy to use the Resource Center space for the date of May 10th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed 8-0.

15. From Jack Evans office in Ward 2, Ruth announced the Office of Tax and Revenue will offer tax advice and preparation.

16. Commissioner Stephens announced that surveys are being passed out to help the Commission better improve meetings and transparency.

Regulatory

Alcohol Applications

Application (#071717) by Rumors Restaurant, 1900 M Street NW, for change to CN (nightclub) license for increased seating capacity for “unenclosed patio” to 32 seats and "enclosed patio 56 seats (hours Sun-Thu 11:30am-2am, Fri-Sat 11:30am-3am); Petition Date: 03/17/14; Hearing Date: 03/31/14 (2B06) The Commission took no action on the application.

Application (#060144) for substantial change by Malaysia Kopitam, 1827 M St NW, for change of hours to Sun-Thu 11am-2am and Fri-Sat 11am-3am; Petition Date: 3/17/14; Hearing Date: 3/31/14 (2B06) The Commission took no action on the application.

Request for stipulated license (#094010) G Street Food, 1030 15th Street, N.W., Hours of sales/service 9am-10pm Sun through Saturday, occupancy 110, 30-seat sidewalk cafe, entertainment inside. Commissioner Nichols moved to support, seconded by Commissioner O’Connor. Passed (8-0).

Eighteenth Street Lounge (1212 18th St NW) CT License #021211 (2B65) (“grandfathering” of ANC 2B protest after reinstatement of renewal application) The Commission reaffirmed its November vote to protest the license renewal. We also changed the ANC’s representative on this matter to be Patrick Kain (2b06liquorliaison@dupontcircleanc.net).

Public Space Applications

Application by Glen’s Garden Market, 2001 S Street NW, for use of public space (2B01) ANC 2B requests that the Public Space Committee delay decision on this application until after ANC 2B’s April public meeting. The applicants were not at the ANC meeting to present this application. The Commission tabled this application until the April public meeting.

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Application by Kabin Group, 1337 Conn Ave NW, for valet parking (2B07) ANC 2B requests that the Public Space Committee delay decision on this application until after ANC 2B's April public meeting. The applicants were not at the ANC meeting to present this application. Commissioner Stephens noted that the ANC has reviewed valet parking applications along this particular block very carefully, because of the traffic bottleneck that leads into Dupont Circle. Therefore, the Commission tabled this application until the April public meeting.

Application by Joe's Seafood, 750 15th St NW, for sidewalk cafe (2B05) ANC 2B does not object to the public space application by Joe's Seafood, 750 15th St NW, for sidewalk cafe. Commissioner Nichols noted that the application was consistent with the ABRA sidewalk cafe application that the Commission already considered. Commissioner Nichols moved to support, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed (8-0).

*Commissioner Feldstein left due to illness (8:05pm)

Historic Preservation & Zoning Applications

Application to HPRB for construction 1815 Riggs Place (2B01) Commissioner Dwyer moved to support, seconded by Commissioner Maltz. Passed (7-0). The Commission is taking no action yet on the BZA application. The Commission plans to review the BZA application at its April public meeting.

Application to BZA hearing #18-744 for construction 15 Dupont Circle (Patterson Mansion) (2B07) Commissioner Dwyer moved to support, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor. Passed (7-0).

*Commissioner Silverstein arrived at (8:43pm).

General Items

Proposed resolution on "Circulator" Bus recommendations (Dupont Main Streets) Commissioner Maltz made the below motion, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Commissioner Stephens offered a friendly amendment, which was accepted and reflected in the below text. Passed (8-0). The resolution as passed reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the DC Circulator Transit Development Plan is being revised;

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WHEREAS, the DC Circulator Transit Development Plan, completed in 2011, is the city's guide to the growth of the Circulator system over a 10-year period;

WHEREAS, this plan includes in its first phase a new Circulator route between Dupont Circle-SW Waterfront via 17th Street and Connecticut Avenue;

WHEREAS, the Circulator service for the National Mall is planned to begin in 2015, the Dupont Circle-SW Waterfront route (which we call the "Smithsonian Connector") will provide easy access between the National Mall, the White House, Connecticut Avenue, and Dupont Circle;

WHEREAS, the Circulator is a valuable service for tourists visiting sites who also want to see and patronize retail shops and restaurants – connecting the Mall with Connecticut Avenue;

WHEREAS, the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) is currently updating the DC Circulator Transit Development Plan;

WHEREAS, the City Council has also requested a report from DDOT that evaluates specific route additions not specific to this Plan;

WHEREAS, at this time the requested report does not include the Dupont Circle-SW Waterfront route.

WHEREAS, ANC 2B encourages as many new public transit options as feasible serving the residents and visitors of the Dupont Circle neighborhood

THEREFORE, be it resolved that ANC 2B encourages DDOT to include the Dupont Circle-SW Waterfront Circulator route in the report to ensure it is part of the revised DC Circulator Transit Development Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 2B continues to encourage DDOT to also explore the "A to B" line we suggested in our February 2014 resolution and letter (enclosed). We find these lines complementary and not mutually exclusive.

Proposal to Form a New Standing Committee on Transportation and Public Infrastructure Commissioner Smith made the below motion, seconded by Commissioner Nichols. Passed (8-0). The resolution as passed reads as follows:

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Policy Issue: Safe and effective transportation of all modes is a significant priority for local government and for the residents and businesses of Dupont Circle. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT), in coordination with other agencies, maintains the transportation system while protecting and improving the use of public space in the District. The Dupont Circle ANC lacks a structured method to address transportation, traffic and public space issues.

Committee Purpose Statement: The Transportation and Public Infrastructure (TPI) Committee will promote a safe and effective transportation system for the residents and visitors of Dupont Circle and improve the use of public space in our neighborhood.

Role of the Committee: The committee will serve as a forum for discussing matters related to the following and will make recommendations to the ANC:

- Parking in the neighborhood, including valet applications, loading zones, the enhanced residential parking program and visitor parking
- Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety
- Beautification, repair and streetscapes
- Public transit
- Matters before the DC Council related to transportation and public space
- Public Parks

The committee will serve as a resource for commissioners and as a point of contact for DDOT, the Washing Metropolitan Area Transit Administration (WMATA) and the DC Water and Sewer Authority (WASA). Commissioners may seek guidance from the committee on public space applications in their Single Member Districts. The committee will facilitate training for commissioners and others on transportation issues and host meetings to gather public input. The committee will also develop guidance for consideration of public space issues for review by the ANC.

Committee Membership: The committee will be chaired by an ANC2B Commissioner and should have broad representation from the resident and business community of Dupont Circle.

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Commissioner Stephens made the motion to elect a Commissioner Smith as the chair of the committee, seconded by Commissioner Putta. Passed (8-0).

Discussion on proposed changes to Bylaw and Policies and Procedures Manual

Commissioner O'Connor described these changes to the bylaws on matters involving proxy votes, tie breaking votes, changing the title of employees to staff, the use of a temporary officers so new officers can be elected at the end of the year, and in the event of a tie the chair's vote will be the deciding vote.

Proposed resolution on noise enforcement.

Commissioner Nichols noted that this item was mooted by recent developments, including the public safety and noise meeting earlier this week. The Commission took no action.

Committee & Liaison Reports

ABRA Policy Committee

Reports on old business (if any):

Commissioners will follow up with MPD, ABRA, and others on the Club Central noise and public safety meeting

The next Committee meeting will include discussion on Councilman Graham promoter registration act, as well as updates on pending ABRA matters

Next Meeting: 3/19/14 7pm @ Resource Center (Third Wednesdays)

Zoning, Preservation & Development Committee

Reports on old business (if any):

Dupont Underground presentation – The Committee will organize another tour of the underground space and may hold part of the next meeting in the underground space

ZPD Policy procedure manual items – The Committee will review the policy items related to ZPD issues in the draft manual

Other items: Commissioner Maltz indicated she would organize a neighbors meeting on the BZA items related to 1815 Riggs Place.

Next Meeting: 4/2/14 7pm @ Resource Center (First Wednesdays)

Public Safety Liaisons

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Reports on old business (if any): Commissioners will work with MPD, ABRA, and others to follow up on the Club Central public safety meeting

Other items: Pedestrian safety items will likely go to the new transportation committee

Ward 2 Education Coalition

Reports on old business (if any):

Garrison School – Commissioner Maltz moved to revise the Commission’s letter supporting Garrison School modernization funding. Commissioner Stephens seconded. The motion was passed by acclimation. The Commission agreed on the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Garrison Elementary school serves residents of ANC 2B, and DCPS designates a number of families in ANC2B to Garrison as their school of right;

WHEREAS, the Dupont Circle Community along with the Logan Circle Community are working together to make our neighborhoods a place where families want to stay and raise their children, and having a system of high quality, matter-of-right DCPS community schools for all Dupont residents is essential to that goal;

WHEREAS, over the past three years, parents at Garrison have re-established a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), developed strong partnerships with local community organizations, reached out to prospective parents, and worked directly with DCPS to improve the school;

WHEREAS, the PTA and community have greatly improved maintenance services at the school and groups through constant vigilance, volunteer efforts, and consistent advocacy;

WHEREAS, professional pro bono services and non-DCPS funds have been secured to defray the costs of modernization, and the PTA and community stand ready to further assist;

WHEREAS, DCPS anticipates the neighborhoods served by Garrison will see an increase of 125 elementary students by 2015 and retaining these current and anticipated families is essential to our community;

WHEREAS, the population in the neighborhoods surrounding Garrison (Shaw, Logan Circle, 14th Corridor, U St. corridor) is expected to be one of the densest in the District, recreational areas are scarce, and Garrison with its 3.5 acres of grounds could be greatly alleviate field scarcity and quality of life;

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WHEREAS, Garrison has not undergone a single renovation since opening in 1964, and is in desperate need of capital investment, as recognized in the 2010 Master Facilities Plan and the engineering report on which the DME 2013 Public Education Master Facilities Plan is based, including:

“Many interior spaces are in need of renovations”; “Ceiling finishes are in poor condition, Asbestos tile is present throughout and needs to be removed”; “Public address and fire alarm systems are antiquated and require replacement”; [Plumbing] fixtures are outdated and should be replaced; “Wooden exterior doors need to be replaced and all exterior windows have deteriorated and need to be replaced”; ADA compliance is “unsatisfactory” and the building “needs numerous upgrades in order to accomplish [compliance]”;

WHEREAS, Garrison has an educational facilities effectiveness (EFEI) score of 36 percent according to the DME 2013 Public Education Master Facilities Plan—one of the lowest in the District;

WHEREAS, the DME 2013 Public Education Master Facilities Plan defines the Shaw/Logan Circle neighborhood as one of the “areas of greatest need” for strategic capital investment;

WHEREAS, Garrison is one of the only public schools (DCPS or charter) in the Shaw/Logan Circle neighborhood that has not been partially or fully modernized;

WHEREAS, the DME 2013 Public Education Master Facilities Plan first short term recommendation is to “target capital resources for areas of greatest facility condition and quality need with large school aged populations, but low enrollment”;

WHEREAS, the DME 2013 Public Education Master Facilities Plan first long term recommendation is to “reassess the phased modernization approach” and “fully modernize certain facilities in clusters of greatest need”;

WHEREAS, a phased modernization at Garrison would mean having to choose between an ADA compliant school and classrooms in which children can effectively learn, between a field without sinkholes and a non bunker-like school entrance, between windows that open and asbestos removal;

WHEREAS, the FY2014 Capital Improvement Plan, despite advancing Garrison’s Phase 1 to FY2014, still sees the completion of Garrison’s modernization in 2022—9 years away; and

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WHEREAS; capital investment in Garrison has been too often postponed and is long overdue in order to meet population growth in the area and to ensure the diversity, vitality and coherence of the community.
Resolution

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 2B recommends that the City Council fully fund Garrison's modernization by allocating sufficient funds in Fiscal Year 2015 to allow for a complete, one-time modernization of both the school building and its grounds, including adequate space for community programming.

Other items: Mayor's budget has money for Garrison for FY15, FY16

Community Involvement Liaison

Commissioner Feldstein is planning to organize an informal dinner with members of neighborhood organizations

Commissioner & Staff Reports

Staff Reports

Coudriet Intern (Daniel Warwick): No update

Deschaine Intern (Nicole Baillis): Social media update: Twitter following is growing and Facebook is still stalled.

Executive Director (James Conway): Announced that he will be posting a "Votes of the ANC" blog the day after meetings. The Commissioners should send contact info to the ED to expand the e-blast contact database for the ANC.

Web/IT Consultant (Fiona Clem): No update

Neighboring Jurisdiction Reports (if any): West End/Foggy Bottom (2B06), Adams Morgan (2B01, 2B08), Kalorama (2B01, 2B02), Logan Circle (2B04, 2B05, 2B09), Georgetown (2B06), Columbia Heights/Shaw (2B09)

Short Reports on Old Business (if any)

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P = the matter is still pending

NU = no update

A = approved

Al Tiramisu: sidewalk cafe (2B02) – P
Hotel Palomar: valet parking (2B02)- P
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Rosebar: ABRA license renewal (2B05)- P
1200 17th Street NW: pavers & benches (2B05)- P
Catch 15: new CT license (2B05)- P
Noodles & Co: sidewalk cafe (2B05)- P
BLT Steak: valet parking (2B05)- A
Pret A Manger: DDOT sidewalk cafe (2B05)- P
Dirty Martini: ABRA license renewal (2B05)- P
BarCode: ABRA license renewal (2B05)- P (DDOT has asked the valet to be staged on 17th Street)
Midtown: ABRA license renewal (2B05)- P
Joe's Seafood: new ABRA license (2B05)- A
Joe's Seafood: valet parking (2B05)- A
1528 Church Street NW: HPRB approval (2B05)- A
1618 Q Street NW: HPRB approval (2B05)- A
1528 Church St: BZA approval (2B05)- P
BarCode: valet parking (2B05)- P
Georgia Brown's: valet parking (2B05)- P
Freshfarm Market: Vt Ave NW public space (2B05)- A
Metropolitan Club: valet parking (2B06)- A
1728 P St: HPRB approval (2B07)- A
Keegan Theatre: BZA use change (2B07)- P
Patterson Mansion: HPRB approval (2B07)- A
Chi-Cha Lounge: VA/SA amendment (2B08)- P
Amsterdam Falafelshop: New ABRA license (2B09)- P
Trader Joe's: New ABRA license (2B09)- A (grand opening 3/21/14)
Tico: new ABRA license (2B09)- P
1536 T St NW: BZA approval (2B09)- A
Precinct Boundaries Plan (Silverstein)- P
Publisher Box Regulations (Stephens)- P
Commemorating Annie Kaylor (Silverstein)- P, date of street-naming to be provided soon

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Washington Redskins (Putta)- P, This can be removed from future agendas
16th Street Bus Lane (Putta) – P
Dupont Underground- P

Administrative Matters

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Maltz reported that as of January PNC Bank statement, the ANC has \$78,672.38 in its checking account

Other Finance/Treasurer Items (if any): Commission Maltz reported that the ANC received its full allotment of \$5,099

Other Admin items (if any): none

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 10:01pm

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